

## **Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Meeting June 22, 2000 - Spokane District Office Conference Room**

### Members Attending:

Loren Moos, Chair  
Mike Hanson  
Mark Amara  
Harold Mathews  
Andrew Berg  
Mike Petersen  
Phyllis Burwell  
Donald Walter  
Douglas Pineo  
Dave Billingsley  
Jo Anna Meninick

### Members Absent:

Fredrick Ebel  
Richard R. Old  
Laura Smith  
Maurice Williamson

### Designated Federal Representative:

Joseph K. Buesing

### Guests:

Allen Dragoo, Spokane 4 Wheelers Club  
Jay Berube, Colville NF  
Jim Fisher, BLM  
Kevin Devitt, BLM  
Kathy Helm, BLM

### Facilitator:

Jerry Hubbard

### Recorder: Candy Ford

Chairman Moos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Moos asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions to the minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Corrections were editorial corrections to two names. Minutes were so corrected. Motion was made to accept the corrected minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Buesing opened the meeting by introducing

facilitator Jerry Hubbard.

He reminded the council that the nomination process for council membership had closed and that the names received had been forwarded to Washington, D.C. Five (5) of the current members terms will expire at the end of September of this year. August will be the last meeting of the current members of this RAC.

Mr. Buesing also announced that Field Manager Clifford Ligons had left the BLM for the position of manager of the Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument with the Forest Service. He praised Mr. Ligons work while with BLM, and introduced Kevin Devitt as Acting Field Manager.

Mr. Buesing provided a legislative update on Interior bills. He also reported that Tom Frye has been formally named as the new BLM Director.

Council members received a copy of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project's (ICBEMP) "*Report to Congress on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.*"

Jay Berube, Colville National Forest stated that, during a recent public comment session on the roadless initiative held in Spokane, 75 oral and 70 written comments were received. Over 200 people turned out for the public comment session in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The comment period will close on July 17, 2000.

Mr. Buesing opened discussion of ICBEMP by expressing his appreciation for the council's work on this project. He reminded the council members that the comment period ends on July 7<sup>th</sup> on the Draft EIS for ICBEMP. He requested that each member present state their concerns/thoughts regarding ICBEMP to the group. A round of discussion followed.

At 10 a.m., Chairman Moos opened the meeting to public comments. Mr. Allen Dragoo, President of